

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the official action dated September 14, 2009. Claims 1-4, 6-10, 13-18, 20-26, 28-34, and 36-38 were pending in the application. In the official action, claims 1-4, 6-10, 13-18, 20-26, 28-34, and 36-38 were rejected. In this Amendment, claims 1, 8-10, 13-15, 22, 23, 30, 31, and 38 have been amended. Claims 1-4, 6-10, 13-18, 20-26, 28-34, and 36-38 thus remain for consideration.

Applicants submit that claims 1-4, 6-10, 13-18, 20-26, 28-34, and 36-38 are in condition for allowance and request withdrawal of the rejections in light of the following remarks.

§103 Rejections

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 13-18, 20-26, 28-34, and 36-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Win et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,182,142) in view of Mitchell et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0120867).

Applicants submit that the independent claims (claims 1, 8-10, 13-15, 22, 23, 30, 31, and 38) are patentable over Win and Mitchell.

Applicants' invention as recited in independent claim 1 is directed toward a terminal device including a display means, a mediating means, and an authentication-information transmitting means. The claim recites that "the authentication-information transmitting means [is] operable to transmit device-authentication information to an authentication server, a network location of the authentication server being received by the display means as part of an EMBED tag which specifies a plug-in to be started at the terminal device and which specifies the address of a site to be accessed when device authentication is successfully done and the address of a site to be accessed when authentication cannot be done." (Emphasis supplied.) Independent claims 8-10, 13-15, 22, 23, 30, 31, and 38 include similar recitations. Supporting disclosure for the emphasized

recitation can be found in the substitute specification at, for example, paragraph [0144].

Neither Win nor Mitchell discloses the emphasized recitation. Accordingly, Applicants believe that the independent claims are patentable over Win and Mitchell - taken either alone or in combination - on at least this basis.

Further, since dependent claims inherit the limitations of their respective base claims, Applicants believe that dependent claims 2-4, 6, 7, 16-18, 20, 21, 24-26, 28, 29, 32-34, 36, and 37 are patentable over Win and Mitchell for at least the same reasons as discussed in connection with the independent claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (908) 654-5000.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

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